

1 IN THE CLAIMS

2 1. (canceled)

1 2. (currently amended) The vessel as defined in claim 1;
2 further comprising a handle; and
3 wherein said handle is replaceably attached to said pot.

1 3. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 2; further
2 comprising an apparatus; and
3 wherein said apparatus replaceably attaches said handle
4 to said pot.

5 4. (currently amended) The vessel as defined in claim 1,
6 wherein said pot has a bottom;
7 wherein said pot has a bearing;
8 wherein said bearing of said pot extends centrally from
9 said bottom of said pot; and
10 wherein said bearing of said pot extends upwardly from
11 said bottom of said pot.

1 5. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 4, wherein
2 said colander has a bottom;
3 wherein said bearing of said pot extends centrally to
4 said bottom of said colander so as to form an axis of
5 rotation; and
6 wherein said axis of rotation is about which said
7 colander rotates in said pot.

1 6. (canceled)

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1 7. ~~(currently amended) The vessel as defined in claim 6,~~
2 A vessel for separating and collecting excess oil from
3 deep fried foods disposed therein before the deep fried
4 foods are sauted, said vessel comprising:
5 a) a pot;
6 b) a colander;
7 c) a motor; and
8 d) a gear train;
9 wherein said colander is rotatably mounted in said pot;
10 wherein said colander is for holding the fried foods;
11 wherein said motor is operatively connected to said
12 colander;
13 wherein said motor rotates said colander relative to said
14 pot;
15 wherein said motor is for centrifugally forcing the
16 excess oil from the deep fried foods out therefrom and
17 collecting in the pot;
18 wherein said gear train operatively connects said motor
19 to said colander;
20 wherein said gear train comprises a driven gear; and
21 wherein said gear train comprises a drive gear;
22 wherein said colander has a top;
23 wherein said pot has a top;
24 wherein said gear train has said pot having a through
25 bore;
26 wherein said through bore in said pot extends through
27 said pot;
28 wherein said through bore in said pot is disposed just
29 below said top of said pot;
30 wherein said driven gear of said gear train extends
31 horizontally around said colander;

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32 wherein said driven gear of said gear train extends
33 circumferentially around said colander; and
34 wherein said driven gear of said gear train is disposed
35 just below said top of said colander.

1 8. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 7, wherein
2 said driven gear of said gear train is a ring gear.

1 9. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 2, wherein
2 said handle is hollow.

1 10. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 7, wherein
2 said handle has a front portion;
3 wherein said handle has a rear portion;
4 wherein said front portion of said handle extends
5 bulbously from said rear portion of said handle;
6 wherein said front portion of said handle extends
7 communicatingly from said rear portion of said handle;
8 and
9 wherein said front portion of said handle is replaceably
10 attached to said pot.

1 11. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 10, wherein
2 said rear portion of said handle has a switch mounted
3 thereon;
4 wherein said rear portion of said handle contains a
5 battery interface;
6 wherein said battery interface in said rear portion of
7 said handle electrically communicates with said motor
8 through said switch; and

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9 wherein said battery interface in said rear portion of
10 said handle is for electrically communicating with at
11 least one battery for powering said motor.

1 12. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 10, wherein
2 said motor extends vertically in said front portion of
3 said handle; and
4 wherein said motor has said drive gear of said gear train
5 horizontally thereon.

1 13. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 11, wherein
2 said drive gear of said gear train passes through said
3 through bore in said pot; and
4 wherein said drive gear of said gear train engages said
5 driven gear of said gear train so as to allow said motor
6 to rotate said colander in said pot when said switch is
7 activated.

1 14. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 10, wherein
2 said apparatus comprises said pot having two pair of key
3 through bores;

1 15. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 14, wherein
2 said two pair of key through bores through said pot
3 straddle said through bore through said pot.

1 16. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 14, wherein
2 each key through bore of said two pair of key through
3 bores through said pot has an upper portion; and
4 wherein each key through bore of said two pair of key
5 through bores through said pot has a lower portion.

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1 17. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 16, wherein
2 said upper portion of each key through bore of said two
3 pair of key through bores through said pot is vertically
4 elongated.

1 18. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 16, wherein
2 said lower portion of each key through bore of said two
3 pair of key through bores through said pot is circular;
4 and
5 wherein said lower portion of each key through bore of
6 said two pair of key through bores through said pot is
7 wider than said upper portion of an associated key
8 through bore of said two pair of key through bores
9 through said pot.

1 19. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 16, wherein
2 said pot has an inner surface; and
3 wherein said apparatus comprises said inner surface of
4 said pot having four blind bores.

1 20. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 19, wherein
2 each blind bore of said four blind bores in said inner
3 surface of said pot is disposed concentrically with an
4 upper extreme of said upper portion of an associated key
5 through bore of said two pair of key through bores
6 through said pot; and
7 wherein each blind bore of said four blind bores in said
8 inner surface of said pot is wider than said upper
9 portion of an associated key through bore of said two
10 pair of key through bores through said pot.

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1 21. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 19, wherein
2 each blind bore of said four blind bores in said inner
3 surface of said pot is circular; and
4 wherein each blind bore of said four blind bores in said
5 inner surface of said pot has a width equal to that of
6 said lower portion of an associated key through bore of
7 said two pair of key through bores through said pot.

1 22. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 19, wherein
2 said apparatus comprises two pair of studs;
3 wherein said two pair of studs of said apparatus has
4 heads;
5 wherein said two pair of studs of said apparatus extend
6 outwardly from said front portion of said handle;
7 wherein said two pair of studs of said apparatus
8 terminate in said heads thereof;
9 wherein said two pair of studs of said apparatus straddle
10 said drive gear of said gear drive; and
11 wherein said two pair of studs of said apparatus align
12 with said two pair of key through bores through said pot,
13 respectively.

1 23. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 22, wherein
2 said heads of said two pair of studs of said apparatus
3 are larger than said upper portion of said two pair of
4 key through bores through said pot, respectively, but
5 smaller than said lower portion of said two pair of key
6 through bores through said pot, respectively, so as to
7 allow said heads of said two pair of studs of said
8 apparatus to pass through said lower portion of said two
9 pair of key through bores through said pot, respectively,

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10 be lifted upwardly behind said upper portion of said two
11 pair of key through bores through said pot, respectively,
12 and be captured in said four blind bores in said inner
13 surface of said pot, respectively, by virtue of the
14 weight of said handle tipping said heads of said two pair
15 of studs of said apparatus into said four blind bores in
16 said inner surface of said pot, respectively, so as to
17 prevent said heads of said two pair of studs of said
18 apparatus from dropping back down said two pair of key
19 through bores through said pot and detaching said handle
20 from said pot.

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